

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) An improved magnetic construction toy comprising:
  - (a) a magnetizable body;
  - (b) a construction member for [magnetically] omnidirectional magnetic coupling with said magnetizable body comprising a hub portion having a geometrical center, a multiplicity of connecting arms extending radially from said geometrical center of said hub portion where each said connecting arm has an axis of symmetry extending radially from said geometrical center and where each said connecting arm has a first end and a second portion where said second portion is spaced axially opposite from said first end and is integrally associated with said hub portion, a permanent magnet captively carried adjacent said first end of each said connecting arm for omnidirectional magnetically coupling with said magnetizable body, where each said axis of symmetry is in the same plane and angularly spaced in equal angular increments.
2. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 1 where each said connecting arm has a peripheral surface that is radially symmetrical with respect to said symmetrical axis in planes orthogonally intersecting said symmetrical axis intermediate said first end and said second portion of said connecting arm.

3. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 1 where the angle between each said axis of symmetry is ninety degrees.
4. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 1 where the angle between each said axis of symmetry is one hundred twenty degrees.
5. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 2 where said magnetizable body is spherically shaped.
6. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 2 where said first end is tapered.
7. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 1 where each said connecting arm has a peripheral surface intermediate said second portion and said first end of said connecting arm that is a surface of revolution with respect to said symmetrical axis.
8. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 7 where the angle between each said axis of symmetry is ninety degrees.
9. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 7 where said axis of symmetry are displaced from each other in increments of one hundred twenty degrees.

10. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy recited in Claim 7 where said magnetizable body is spherically shaped.

11. (Currently Amended) An improved magnetic construction toy member for omnidirectionally coupling with an magnetizable body comprising:

(a) a hub portion having a geometrical center,  
(b) a multiplicity of connecting arms extending radially from said geometrical center of said hub portion where each said connecting arm has an axis of symmetry extending radially from said geometrical center and where each said connecting arm has a first end and a second portion where said second portion is spaced axially opposite from said first end and is integral with said hub portion,

(c) a permanent magnet captively carried adjacent said first end of each said connecting arm for [magnetically]omnidirectional magnetic coupling with said magnetizable body, where each said axis of symmetry is in the same plane and angularly spaced in equal angular increments.

12. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy member recited in Claims 11 where each said connecting arm has a peripheral surface that is radially symmetrical with respect to said symmetrical axis in planes orthogonally intersecting said symmetrical axis intermediate said first end and said second portion of said connecting arm.

13. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy member recited in Claim 11 where the angle between each said axis of symmetry is ninety degrees.

14. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy member recited in Claim 11 where the angle between each said axis of symmetry is one hundred twenty degrees.

15. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy member recited in Claim 11 where said first end is tapered.

16. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy member recited in Claim 11 where each said connecting arm has a peripheral surface intermediate said second portion and said first end of said connecting arm that is a surface of revolution with respect to said symmetrical axis.

17. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy member recited in Claim 11 where the angle between each said axis of symmetry is ninety degrees.

18. (Original) The improved magnetic construction toy member recited in Claim 11 where the angle between each said axis of symmetry is one hundred twenty degrees.